

November 5, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, November 5, 2012, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks. Trustee Larry Miller was absent.

#### **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of October 15, 2012, and the Police Committee meeting minutes of October 11, 2012, were approved as presented.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.
- He reported on the IML Conference. He described a round table discussion he attended, and he might start a meeting like that for surrounding committees.
- He explained the Work Session meeting; it's for a civics project for the Cub Scouts.
- He described his conversation with Mike Sullivan about the flood plain. Information will be submitted to FEMA in early December.
- He received a request from the Park Board for a donation from the Christmas lights. He asked the Trustees to donate personally.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- I. Dicks reported about the Arthur Area Economical Development Corporation mid-year meeting at Doris Yoder's. The new roof at the Welcome Center is finished. She complimented the football and volleyball teams.
- D. Tiffan has received phone calls about leaf burning and blowing leaves into the street. He described a solar light on the cemetery's flag as an option at the Welcome Center.
- J. Kuhns has received some calls about leaf burning.
- K. Good received positive calls from citizens about the flooding response on South Walnut.
- T. Clark asked about new carpet; Sue Perrine stated it has been installed.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

- Police Chief Mike Goodman read a thank you note from the Arthur-Lovington High School Student Council for the help during the homecoming parade.
- He reported on an alternator problem with the 2008 Impala squad car.
- The monthly report was at each Trustee's place. He stated the number of calls for service and cases are down from last year.
- He said there needs to be signage for speed on Cedar Street from Illinois to Lincoln Place. President Bernius referred this to the Street and Alley Committee.
- He stated the block on the south side of the grade school doesn't have 20mph school zone signage. President Bernius referred this to the Street and Alley Committee.

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- Attorney Robert Crossman gave an update on the lawsuit.

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were Bob Doan, Rob Fustin, David Pistorius, and Village employee Sue Perrine. President Bernius asked Bob Doan to give some information regarding TIF districts. He is coordinating a meeting on November 26 with some communities that currently have TIFs.

#### **Old Business – None**

#### **New Business**

- David Pistorius presented information regarding an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 for the Village. The final savings will be \$73,137.60, and they will be paid off two years early. The final interest rate is 3.4548%. He described the abatement process that will need to occur each November or December. T. Clark made a motion to accept the ordinance per the presentation – an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$426,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012, of the Village of Arthur, Douglas and Moultrie Counties, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the

principal and interest on said bonds. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 11-05a-12.

- R. Crossman described the variance Les Hall needs since he wants to build on the edge of the flood plain. This process needs to be followed when variances are needed for properties in the flood plain so that the Village will still be available for FEMA funding if it's needed. K. Good made a motion to approve the variance subject to receiving the IDNR letter and L. Hall's signature; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Goodman reviewed bids from Dell (with governmental pricing) and APT Computers for each department. He recommended accepting APT's bid because he's local and competitive, and he will be servicing them. They will be delivered in one week. The previous computers were purchased in 2002. Brandon Potthast is using his own computer in the Sewer Department; he thought the new employee might want to pick a new computer. T. Clark made a motion to accept the bid from APT Communications in the amount of \$4,038.97. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed a request to use the Community Room from someone teaching the Dale Carnegie course for eight or nine Thursdays in a row. The budget for each meeting (\$150) is less than what the Village charges for a for-profit group (\$350). There will be 12-16 people in the class; the class costs \$1,600 per person. I. Dicks moved to deny the request for the use of the Community Room by the Dale Carnegie program series for a fee of \$150 which is less than the normal fee. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding hiring a new full-time person for the Waste Water Treatment Plant (Illinois Statutes, 5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and I. Dicks.
- President Bernius reviewed some of Michael Elsberry's qualifications for the Waste Water Treatment Plant position. J. Kuhns made a motion to hire Michael Elsberry at \$14 per hour, giving him six months to relocate, and normal benefits, subject to drug test and background check, and a probationary period of six months. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- D. Tiffan made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding a salary review for Keith Storm Smith (Illinois Statutes, 5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
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- President Bernius reviewed Storm Smith's improvement since his surgeries and recovery. D. Tiffan made a motion to increase Storm Smith's wage 15 cents per hour effective when his six month time period was complete. K. Good seconded. His hourly rate will be \$18.01. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$19,563.29. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm.

APPROVED

  
Village President

ATTEST

  
Village Clerk

DATE

